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UMC Centennial Tea focuses on women and the power of giving –Guest speaker University of Minnesota's First Lady Susan Hagstrum

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CROOKSTON, MN (April 18, 2006) – Women from throughout the area explored the power of giving to higher education at the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) Centennial Tea on April 18.

University of Minnesota First Lady Susan Hagstrum, Ph.D., spoke to more than 100 invited guests about the importance of contributing personal time and resources to our educational systems in order to prepare students to succeed in a globally connected, knowledge-driven world. Hagstrum, wife of University of Minnesota President Robert Bruininks, is dedicated to enhancing higher education and sharing her passion for investing in the development of future generations.

Hosted by UMC's Office of Development and Alumni Relations, the invitation-only traditional event is a time for community women to visit UMC and be introduced to some of the ongoing activities, programs and projects on campus. The ladies learn more about UMC's education, research and outreach efforts and how they can be a part of the successful efforts to invest in the northwest region. Guests are served a four-course tea using serving sets shared by community members, faculty and staff. This year's event also boasted its own special blend of tea, Centennial Dream.

One of a series of nine teas to be held on campus to date, the Centennial Tea is designed to reach out to those who might not otherwise have an opportunity to join a campus activity, and in turn, establish connections for future collaborative efforts. It is one of the many ways that UMC students, faculty and staff build relationships, engage the community and provide opportunities for enrichment.

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